Meet Wendy Saltzgiver

“I want to make the world a more beautiful place to live”

Wendy has been working in CNU’s Grounds Department as a Gardener since September 2005. She earned her B.S. in Horticulture from Virginia Tech and has been working in horticulture since 1981. Wendy states that she enjoys working at CNU because she gets to work with plants and students, “They both make me feel young at heart.” She has several hobbies such as raising money for an orphanage in Ethiopia, helping the homeless, spending time with family and friends, reading, cooking, gardening, and crafting. Wendy is pictured to the left holding one of her crafted flower arrangements that she created for CNU HR. Her favorite memory of CNU happened just two weeks ago. A student remembered Wendy from over the summer when the student and her father visited the campus. Wendy showed them the building they were looking for on campus. The student saw Wendy and wanted to thank her for helping them find their way around CNU.
NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

CNU Writing 101

Brush up on your writing, capitalization and punctuation in this session covering the ins and outs of the CNU Style Guide, which defines the correct editorial style for all university promotional communications and Web content on cnu.edu.

Target Audience: All Employees

Presenter: Brian McGuire, Writer and Editor, Office of Communications and Public Relations

ORPHE Open Enrollment

October 1 – 31

Participants of the Optional Retirement Plan for Higher Education (ORPHE) have the opportunity to switch providers during the month of October. The provider options are either Fidelity Investments or TIAA-CREF. Changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective for the first pay period in January 2014. Open Enrollment documents can be found on the VRS Members Website.

Christopher Newport University’s Annual Benefits Fair is only a week away! We have door prizes, a flu shot clinic, and 28 vendors to include:

- Aetna
- ActiveHealth
- Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
- CNU Police
- Colonial Life
- CommonHealth
- Delta Dental
- Ferguson Center for the Arts
- ING Deferred Compensation Plan
- Legal Resources
- Lincoln Financial Advisors
- MetLife
- Riverside Wellness Center
- SunTrust
- TIAA-CREF
- Travel Counsellor’s, Inc.
- VALIC
- Virginia Educators Credit Union
- Wells Fargo

Here’s what CNU Employees are saying about the Fall 2013 Training and Development Trainings

- great info & an excellent speaker!
- Excellent!
- Good suggestions and information
- Very informative and enjoyable
- Don’t miss your chance to attend one of our wonderful trainings!
- One of the best sessions I have attended

Register for a Fall 2013 training today!
The family of Dr. Thomas Edward Weiss, Jr. would like to share his obituary that will appear in the Daily Press and other newspapers on Sunday, October 13.

Dr. Thomas Edward Weiss, Jr. passed away Tuesday October 1, 2013. You would have enjoyed having Ed Weiss as a friend. His positive outlook, kind nature and optimism was influenced by his upbringing in New Orleans and by his parents Thomas Edward Weiss and Catherine Edwards Weiss. Born in New Orleans in 1951, Edward graduated from Jesuit High School in 1969 with his lifelong friend Henri Louapre (Butz) and then found his passion for botany as an undergraduate at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He continued his education at Tulane University completing a Master’s degree in Botany, and then earning a PhD in Botany at the University of Georgia where he met his beloved wife Marcia Stefani.

He started his teaching career in the Fall of 1980 at Christopher Newport College (now University) where he dutifully served until retiring in August 2013. He quickly became a key member of the faculty, engaged in all facets of university activities, and rose to the rank of Full Professor. He was loved by staff, students and faculty alike. During his tenure, he developed many courses and was involved with the design of two science buildings on the campus. His students will always remember the legendary field trips to Maine and Florida which provided unique experiences and learning in natural environments. Equally legendary were his concert road trips with many of his friends and family: Edward was a particular fan of the Gipsy Kings, The Battlefield Band, Arlo Guthrie and Robin and Linda Williams.

Music was an essential part of Edward’s life and he helped to enrich others through exposure many different genres and concert venues. Long remembered are his frantic dashes down the hill at Wolf Trap to lay down blankets and claim a perfect location for he and his friends.

He was especially loved by family: his wife Marcia Stefani (who preceded him in death) and two daughters, Catherine Weiss Edwards (Katie) and Jenna Kristen Weiss. One of his most precious treasures will always be his grandson Lincoln Edwards. Edward’s many friends and family will truly miss his infectious, fun-loving personality.

A celebration of life will be conducted on November 3, 2013 at 1:30 in the Music and Theatre Hall of the Ferguson Center for the Arts at Christopher Newport University. If you would like to make a donation on Dr. Weiss’ behalf, in lieu of flowers please contribute to the Dr. T. Edward Weiss Endowed Merit Scholarship for Organismal and Environmental Biology at CNU.

Farewell our beloved colleague and friend. You will be forever missed...